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POLISH AGRICULTURE IMPROVES PRODUCTION

MACHINERY OUTPUT INCREASED -- Gazeta Ludowa, No 332, 23 Dec 48

The agricultural machine and tool industry produced the following in November:
 7,656 ordinary and moldboard plows, 7,431 ordinary spring, and prong-type plows,
 400 cultivators, 1,042 sowing machines (mostly from the Ludwikow Foundry), powder
 dusting machines, 192 horse-drawn harrows, 956 threshers, 969 threshing machines,
 320 sprays, 739 winnowing machines, 1,246 chaff cutters, 399 potato diggers, 2,118
 steaming machines, 645 carts. In all, 27,406 implements were produced.

During the first 9 months of 1948, the Central Sales Office of the Metal
 Industry distributed 250,000 farm implements and 100,000 machines and carts.

"KRAJ" MACHINE FACTORY EXCEEDS PLAN -- Gazeta Ludowa, No 29, Dec 48

The workers of the "Kraj," agricultural machine factory have produced 400
 agricultural machines of various types above the annual plan up to 22 December.
 By the end of the present year, the Kraj factory will produce a total of 600
 agricultural machines above plan.

TRACTOR PARTS FACTORY EXPANDED -- Glos Wielkopolski, No 340, 10 Dec 48

Modern methods of farming have created a great need for spare parts for trac-
 tors.

The only factory in the country to make such parts is being organized in Poznan.
 It is already producing cylinders and bushings for American-made "Case" tractors.
 The plant will be expanded to build spare parts for the other types of tractors.

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SOVIET TRACTORS FOR RECLAMATION -- Gazeta Ludowa, No 326, 16 Dec 48

Fifty Soviet tractors arrived in Przemyśl and are to be used for reclamation work in this powiat.

GRANARIES PURCHASED GRAINS -- Zycie Warszawy, No 3, 4 Jan 49

In the period from last harvest to 1 January 1949, Polskie Zakłady Zbozowe (Polish Granaries) purchased 1,400,000,000 ^[sic] tons of grains. The Granaries purchased in the Warsaw Wojewodztwo 50 percent more than was originally anticipated.

These large purchases of grains and grain-products guarantee that the market needs of bread, flour, and cereal will be met in full; also the needs of brewery and sugar industries.

As of 1 January 1949 the storage capacity of PZZ granaries was 1,200,000 tons, while in May 1948, the storage capacity was 670,000 tons.

GRAIN PURCHASES AND EXPORTS INCREASE -- Gazeta Ludowa, No 326, 16 Dec 48

In November, the Polish Granaries bought 323,000 tons of grain. Up to 20 November their purchases from this year's harvest amounted to one million ^[sic] tons of grains. To guard against any difficulties in the domestic market and assure supply in the transition from rationing to free-market distribution, adequate winter reserves were completed as early as November.

During November preparatory measures were taken for setting up controls over the sale of buckwheat and millet, which will be handled exclusively by the Polish Granaries.

Grain was exported to Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Denmark, and England during November, when Poland's largest grain elevator, "Ewa" in Szczecin, was first put into operation.

SOWING PLAN FULFILLED 66 PERCENT ABOVE PLAN -- Polska Ludowa, No 143, 16 Dec 48

On 7 December 1948, members of Zrzeszenia Plantatorów Roslin Włóknistych i Oleistych (Union of Fibrous and Oleaginous Plant Growers) notified the President of Poland and the Minister of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform that with the sowing of winter rape in the fall of 1948, the sowing plan was fulfilled 66 percent above plan.

This sowing covered an area of 25,352.92 hectares among 27,818 planters. This union also, in honor of the new United Workers Party, donated to the Prezydium Zarządu Głównego ZSCh (Presidium of the Main Administration of Peasant Self-Aid Union) 77,811 zlotys toward construction of the Wspólny Dom Partii Robotniczych (Common Headquarters of the Workers Party).

SHEEP RAISING ON THE INCREASE -- Polska Ludowa, No 142, 13 Dec 48

During 1948, sheep raising has considerably increased in Wielkopolska. The increase has been particularly noticeable on small farms. At present, in the Poznań Wojewodztwo, there are 172,280 sheep, whereas in 1947, there were 133,800. The sheep raised by the farmers are native to the country and are exceptional for their heavy growth of wool.

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BREED NEW HYBRID SHEEP -- Gazeta Ludowa, No 328, 18 Dec 48

Distributed among the tiny farms of Powiat Lowicz, there are now 5,500 sheep as compared with 1,200 in 1947.

A new type of sheep has been introduced, which is a crossbreed between the Polish sheep and the English Kent sheep. The hybrid is easy to raise and yields excellent wool. The average annual clip yields 3-6 kilograms of wool per ewe and 5-9 kilograms per ram.

STOCK BREEDING IMPROVES -- Zycie Warszawy, No 7, 8 Jan 49

	Increase Anti- cipated Over Plan for 1948 (\$)	Actual In- crease Over Plan for 1948 (\$)	Actual Increase Over Plan for 1948 (heads)
Cattle	10	22	1,000,000
Sheep	15	48	460,000
Goats	--	--	60,000
Poultry	--	--	10,000,000

The 1948 records also show that 22,950 bulls and 6,654 bears are kept for breeding purposes.

PROPER COW FEEDING INCREASES PRODUCTION -- Polska Ludowa, No 143, 16 Dec 48

The Centrala Zrzeszenia Hodowcow Bydlu (Central Office of the Federation of Cattle Breeders) announced that the best-producing cow in Poland is owned by Ptasek, a small-scale farmer located in Koscielisz Village, Gdansk Wojewodztwo. During the year the cow produced over 8,000 liters of milk. The milk had a fat content of nearly 4 percent, while the average fat content of milk received by dairies is 2.5-3 percent. The farmer attributes this high milk production to proper feeding in accordance with the advice of the agricultural consultation centers of the Cattle Breeders' Federation.

These agricultural consultation centers are organized over the entire country. They were opened in the spring of 1948 and are sponsored by the Cattle Breeders Federation. There are nearly 36 of these centers now operating which supervise the care of 50,508 cows among 16,418 farmsteads. On 15 December, 15 additional centers were to be opened for the care of nearly 15,000 cows.

In addition to the above agricultural consultation centers, the Centrala Spelzielni Mleczarstwo-Jajarskich (Central Office of Dairy Cooperatives) has opened 25 consultation centers located in Lublin, Krakow, Wroclaw, Lodz, and Gdansk Wojewodztwo. These centers will be located at the dairies where a trained specialist will spend one day a week at the center and the remaining time with the members of these centers, giving them advice on proper feeding, hygiene, and general care of cattle.

The small and medium-size farm owners have benefitted the most from these centers. The areas covered by these centers have shown an increase of 60-80 percent in milk production. A good example of the value of this work is shown by the milk production increase in Opole, where, after the consultation centers operated for 2 months, milk production increased from 20,000 liters daily to 35,000 liters with indications of further increases. The number of consultation centers will be increased during 1949; 300 will be opened for the care of over 150,000 cows.

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CATTLE PURCHASED FOR OLSZTYN WOJEWODZTWO -- Polska Ludowa, No 138, 4 Dec 48

Of the 175 million zlotys assigned for the purchase of cows and horses for farmers within the Olsztyn Wojewodztwo, 163 million zlotys were already used by the agricultural center with the approval of Związek Samopomocy Chłopskiej (Peasant Self-Aid Union) for the purchase of 314 cows and 553 horses.

ANTI-TANK TRENCHES COMPLETELY FILLED -- Polska Ludowa, No 139, 6 Dec 48

The anti-tank trenches in the Bydgoszcz Powiat have all been completely filled. This work was done by technical and trade school students, members of Sluzba Polsce (Service for Poland) organization, workers from the Bydgoszcz factories, and people of the rural areas; and 13,478 linear meters or 112,000 cubic meters of trenches were filled. The farmers of this powiat gained 50 hectares of farmland through this project. The value of this work is figured at 13,500,000 zlotys.

FALLOW LAND RECLAIMED -- Gazeta Ludowa, No 326, 16 Dec 48

Ten thousand hectares of fallow land were reclaimed in Dolny Slask.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF HORTICULTURAL INSTITUTE -- Gazeta Ludowa, No 326, 16 Dec 48

The PZHR (State Horticultural Institute) is a state enterprise whose chief function is the cultivation of plants at special agricultural centers. The earliest efforts were directed to the preservation of plant breeding material; valuable varieties of grain, potatoes, and leguminous plants were thus saved from extinction. This was a starting point for breeding operations. At present there are 44 stations comprising 24,000 hectares of arable land.

Work has been carried on to develop new varieties adapted to the climate of the different regions of our country. Three new types of lupine have been created, which are distinguished for their low alkali content. At 23 stations, special attention was given to the breeding of potatoes to develop varieties with high starch content for industrial use, also potatoes for fodder and early table varieties. Six new varieties are being placed on the market this year.

Six stations are used for the breeding of sugar beets. In 1947, the PZHR-4 brand of sugar beets took first place for sugar yield per hectare (48.65 quintals).

Starting in 1945 with badly run-down and poorly stocked farms, the PZHR now have 4,194 horses, 3,878 cows, 6,461 pigs, and 8,700 sheep or, about 24 animals per 100 hectares of land. During 1948, 65 million zlotys were spent for farm buildings and 38 million zlotys were spent to renovate dwellings for workers.

NEW ASSISTANTS APPOINTED TO KRAKOW UNIVERSITY -- Polska Ludowa, No 141, 11 Dec 48

The Agriculture and Forestry Department of Jagiello University in Krakow has appointed seven additional assistants for agricultural experiments. They will work closely with the farmers for improvement of the agricultural economy. Their work consists of experiments in plant, culture, artificial fertilizers for improvement of soil, improvement of gardens and orchards, insecticides for protection of plants, improvement in animal husbandry, farm mechanization, and complete agricultural improvement.

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